

1. 6:00 P.M. Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC)

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MEETING AGENDA

April 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Pierce County Annex, Public Meeting Room
2401 South 35th Street, Tacoma, WA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Citizen Testimony**
(limited to 3 minutes on April 18, 2019 agenda items only)
4. **Approval of Minutes** *Action Item*
(March 21, 2019)
5. **Economic Development/Transportation Infrastructure Needs** *Discussion Item*
City of University Place
City of Orting
6. **TPCHD – Healthy Community Planning Interest Group** *Action Item*
Scope of Work
7. **Regional Staff Committee Appointments** *Action Item*
Other Cities & Towns – Member
Other Cities & Towns – Alternate
At-Large – Alternate
8. **Vision 2050 DSEIS Comments** *Discussion Item*
9. **PCRC Operations Committee Report** *Discussion Item*
10. **PSRC Committee Reports** *Discussion Item*
11. **Zoo/Trek Authority Report** *Discussion Item*
12. **Announcements** *Discussion Item*
13. **Adjourn / Continue**

The next regular PCRC meeting is May 16, 2019

Any questions regarding this Agenda, please contact
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PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL
April 18, 2019 | Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Swanson, Chair	City of Puyallup	Justin Evans, Vice Chair	City of Bonney Lake
Caroline Belleci	City of University Place	Alexandra Mather	Pierce Transit
Shannon Reynolds	City of Fircrest	Paul Inghram	PSRC
Patrick Reed	City of Sumner	Josh Penner	City of Orting
Catherine Ushka	City of Tacoma	Bob Himes	City of Gig Harbor
Nate Lowry	City of Edgewood	John McCarthy	Port of Tacoma
Anders Ibsen	City of Tacoma	Mike Schaub	Town of Eatonville
Dennis Engel	WSDOT	Penny Coffey	City of DuPont
Doug Richardson	Pierce County Council	Bryan Yambe	City of Fife

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ron Lucas	Town of Steilacoom	Eric Corp	City of DuPont
Derek Young	Pierce County Council	Milt Tremblay	City of Buckley
Dave Morell	Pierce County Council	Chris Beale	City of Tacoma
John Simpson	City of Lakewood	Pat Johnson	City of Buckley
Roger Neal	Town of Steilacoom	Denise McCluskey	City of University Place
Daryl Eiding	City of Edgewood	Yvonne Starks	City of Roy
Joe Pestinger	City of Orting	Cindi Hochstatter	City of Sumner
Wally Snover	Town of Carbonado	Tim Curtis	City of Fife
Steve Worthington	City of University Place	Jason Whalen	City of Lakewood
Susan Johnson	City of Milton	Terry Carter	City of Bonney Lake
Bruce Dammeier	Pierce County Executive	Shanna Styron-Sherrell	City of Milton
Kit Kuhn	City of Gig Harbor	Paul Bocchi	City of Lakewood
Joseph Mills	Town of South Prairie	Mark Zumba	Town of Wilkeson
Mike Courts	City of DuPont	Ryan Wheaton	Pierce Transit
Cynthia Jacobsen	City of Puyallup		

Others Present

Catherine Rudolph, PC Executive's office	Christine Nhan, Senator Murray's office
Tiffany Speir, City of Lakewood	Austin Nielson, Sound Transit

Chair Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Citizen Testimony

None.

Minutes

(March 21, 2019)

Motion made (Belleci/Ushka) to approve the March 21, 2019 minutes as presented.

Unanimous aye.

Economic Development/Transportation Infrastructure Needs

Mayor Penner, City of Orting, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

The City of Orting is defined by their proximity to Mt. Rainier. The City has grown a lot in the last twenty years but has still maintained its small-town feel.

Strengths:

- Foothills trail
- Parks/trails
- Plenty of recreational opportunities
- Plenty of downtown parking
- Plenty of sports facilities
- Low crime rate
- Lots of young families moving in due to affordability
- Fifty acres of commercial property available

Weaknesses:

- Small commercial retail base
- Lack of discount retail
- High cost market for new commercial leases
- Lack of local lodging
- Situated between two rivers – flood plain concerns

Goals/Opportunities:

- To provide urban services for agriculture (outdoor market is growing fast)
- Improve and expand highway 162
- Increase citizen preparedness for hazards (flood, mountain, etc.)
- Provide public transit for local citizens
 - Hwy 162 traffic is getting worse. In five years, commute times will go up by 1/3.
 - One old stop light in town slows traffic.
 - Want a southwest connector to help eliminate congestion at the worst section of Hwy 162. This will increase capacity and eliminate the bottleneck. It also offers an alternate truck route. The roads are existing, but the connection between them is not.
 - Difficult to get into a transit service area
 - Road concurrency is a requirement, but state highways are exempt. This may need to change.

DISCUSSION

Could promote things that reduce congestion, other than construction. Such as telecommuting, home-based or local businesses, etc.

In the industrial area of Sumner, employees flex their hours to help reduce congestion.

Taxes for transit service would be a possible sell if there is a certain guaranteed level of service.

TPCHD – Healthy Communities Planning Interest Group

Tiffany Speir, GMCC Vice-Chair, presented the Scope of Work for the Healthy Community Planning Interest Group. The group consists of individuals who are simply interested in this work and are there to provide their expertise, not to represent the interests of a jurisdiction or commission.

Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) apply to the County, as well as all cities and towns. There have been a lot of connections made between land use and health. This takes an old chapter, along with parts of others, to incorporate new data.

Phase I: Healthy Community chapter

Phase II: Look at how health can be integrated into the other chapters of the CPPs

Phase III: Look at a possible stand-alone chapter based on what happens with Vision 2050

Motion made (Ushka/Reynolds) to approve the proposed Scope of Work. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Regional Staff Committee Appointments

Proposed Slate:

Pierce County Other Cities/Towns, Member: Katie Baker, City of Puyallup

Pierce County Other Cities/Towns, Alternate: David Swindale, City of University Place

Pierce County At-Large, Alternate: Tiffany Speir, City of Lakewood

Motion made (Ushka/Evans) to approve the proposed slate of appointments. *Motion passed unanimously.*

PSRC Vision 2050 DSEIS Comments

Currently, each jurisdiction is submitting their comments individually. Full draft plan should come out in July with September being the cutoff for comments.

The Executive has been working on a joint letter. It will be distributed soon to all jurisdictions.

OCC

None.

PSRC Committee Reports

Growth Management Policy Board: lots of work on vision 2050. Looking at Marysville application for regional industrial center. Executive Board meets next week on that.

Zoo and Trek Authority

Motion made (Evans/Reed) to appoint Mike Schaub to the ZTA representing Pierce County Small Cities/Towns. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Announcements

University Place: Staff has moved into their new offices and are still getting settled. They apologize for not being prepared to present tonight. They will hopefully hold their first Council meeting in their new chambers May 6.

Fircrest: The City has a question on the April 23 ballot for a new park, recreation center, and pool. If it passes, they may reach out for references to obtain grants. They have been working on this since 2013.

Fife: Bryan Yambe will be the new PCRC representative.

Pierce Transit: The Hybrid Alternative for the Bus Rapid Transit was approved on April 8. The board has also approved a pilot of paved parking for 200 stalls at the Tacoma Dome Station.

Puyallup: Summer Con is coming June 15 & 16 to the Washington State Fair Events Center.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:11 PM.

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